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Editorial

The functions of a school magazine are threefold: to record the activities of the past year: to publish original work indicative of the intellectual life of the school: to link the Present with the Past.

As far as the first is concerned, the magazine performs its function adequately: in the second case, ONE voluntary contribution has been made to this issue, and one suspects that the "articles" are culled from the English Examination Papers: the third — and entirely neglected — aspect of Saltus life should be remedied forthwith.

In front of me I have a High School magazine, edited by the pupils, not the staff, in which I read that X has just been demobilised from the Royal Marines, that Y was married at such-and-such a church to Z, and that A passed his final examination for the degree of B.Sc.

Would it be too much to ask that Old Boys kept the Editor (better still, the Headmaster, as the most permanent institution) informed of their wanderings, promotions, and marriages, so that the magazine might become a true record of the life of the school?

THE EDITOR.

Empire Day Celebrations

On May 25th. the school was most fortunate in having as its distinguished Visitor and speaker Vice-Admiral Sir J. Felgate Stevens, K.B.E., C.B., who was accompanied by Lady Stevens. Vice-Admiral Stevens is Deputy Allied Supreme Commander in the Atlantic, and in command of the American and West Indies Station.

At the beginning of his speech, he stressed that Empire Day should be a day of particular pride to Bermuda, as she was the oldest British colony, possessed the oldest representative parliament outside Westminster, and had always been British.

Referring to his own schooldays, he remarked how he had looked at Mercator's Projection, and noted the vast areas of red denoting the British Empire; since then there had been great changes, and a Commonwealth of Nations had sprung into being, with self-government and independence by constitutional agreement the keynotes. The last revolutionary success in Empire history was in 1776, with the consequent loss of our American colonies; but it was a fine thing that we shared our history with the United States; he felt that some inscrutable providence had made that beginning of the States develop to its present power to redress the evils of the world.

The Commonwealth of Nations was unique in its freeness, having no written rules, and possessing a coherence that had never been matched before. The touchstone of the whole organisation was the binding power of the Crown. Wherever "Empire" in the strict sense of the word had passed, we had left another empire behind. Long years before the changes, Macaulay had foreseen the ultimate destiny of the Empire of British India, when he wrote: "The sceptre may pass away from us, but there is an empire exempt from all natural causes of decay — the imperishable empire of our arts (by which he meant our 'skills') and our morals, our literature, and our laws."

Although British Imperialism and Colonialism had sometimes met with opprobrium, our record was one to be proud of; we had brought good government and better conditions wherever we had gone, and the members of the Empire had grown by gradual degrees to a state of greater responsibility, while the Mother Country still remained the centre and heart, as it was also the centre of communications. Today these communications between one part of the Empire and Great Britain were still largely carried on the seas, which both divided and linked those foreign stations that covered the whole globe.

Referring to the Lesson for the day, "Let us now praise famous men . . ." he spoke of the great days of exploration, in which Englishmen such as Drake, Anson, and Cook had shown the greatest courage, enterprise, and endurance. In India, men like Clive had laid down the pen to take up the sword. Such men were typical of the Empire-builder, living a lonely life in a foreign clime; typical of the thousands, unhonoured and unsung, the district officers, civil servants, doctors, and police who made the British Empire a decent, ordered, well-run place, often at the expense of their health, and faced with family separation, for no great material reward.

Speaking to the boys alone, Vice-Admiral Stevens reminded them that all that they had been thinking about — History and Growth — depended upon persons and personalities, in short, on "guts". He impressed upon them that they must not be insular; they must look wide, and, while taking pride in Bermuda, must also remember their share in the Mother Country and the Commonwealth.

As a goal, the finest thing after school would be to go to one of the great universities at home, or in Canada. They must travel, and see the world.

He left one last thought with them. Whatever career, trade, or profession they might adopt, they must say to themselves, that, besides success, they owed it to themselves to make at least one purely personal achievement of enterprise or endurance; to cross an ocean, or climb a mountain.

A great ocean sailor had written; "If sometimes lives of yourself and others have depended on your decisions, your initiative, and your leadership, when you were soaked, seasick, and rather frightened, then, with that experience . . . (and there Kipling's "If" would provide the fitting conclusion).

"You'll be a man, my son!"

The Debating Society

From fireworks to flying saucers, the Society's discussions during the past season have ranged over a number of problems which are irking the world to-day. The programme has included at least one innovation — a Mock Court-Martial: we venture to hope that this unique case may provide military jurists with valuable precedents, though no communication has been received from the War Office up to the time of going to Press.

This case was concerned with the charge "that at 1530 hours on Monday, 21st. February, 1955, the accused, Private Lamb, 01637.33, while on parade in charge of the regimental mascot, Billy the goat, did of evil intent allow the aforesaid Billy to escape; whereupon the goat careened down the lines and took the Inspecting General in the rear, inflicting substantial damage to limb and uniform, all this to the prejudice of the good order and discipline of the troops."

The accused (D. M. McCann), who was escorted by Cpl. Smogg (A. H. Cooper) and Pte. Staggers (B. R. Hall) under the supervision of R. S. M. Bellow (R. W. Kempe), pleaded "Not Guilty".

Clerk of the Court was Sgt. Quill (H. E. Outerbridge).

The presiding Judges were: Colonel Swashbuckler (J. R. Talbot), Major Wiffles (G. G. Henderson) and Captain Boffin (S. H. Grayston).

Prosecuting was Captain Convictum (Mr. J. A. Stubbs), while for the Defence was Captain Tiller (Mr. P. L. Helm).

Three witnesses appeared for the Prosecution: Pte. I. C. Clearly (P. S. Scupham) was on parade and saw it all happen; he alleged that the accused deliberately slipped the collar of the goat and gave the animal a kick to set it in motion. Cpl. Eves L. Dropper (S. A. Williams) testified that on the previous evening he had heard the accused grousing in the Beer Canteen. Pte. Charles L. Insomnia (R. Bickley) gave evidence that he occupied a bed next to the accused, whom he had heard muttering in his sleep the night previous about "loosing the goat".

The Defence also produced three witnesses: Cpl. Dagger (H. G. F. Pierce), a storekeeper in the Q-M. Stores, deposed that a few days previous the accused had applied for a new collar for the goat as the one in use showed signs of wear and tear; the collar had been requisitioned forthwith, but had not been received in time for the parade. Pte. Brief (A. G. Shorto) testified that he was standing immediately behind the goat on parade, and he saw it sneezing violently; in trying to comfort the goat the accused took it by the collar, which came away in his hand. The accused then seemed to shoot out his foot to stop the goat, but this only agitated the animal, which made off "in top gear".

Captain Cascara-Jones, Regimental M.O. (F. I. B. Williams) stated that on the morning of February 20th. the accused had reported sick, complaining of sleeplessness. The sleeping-draught prescribed could possibly have been responsible for a certain amount of wild talk in his sleep.

Following the gruelling cross-examination of witnesses and summing-up by the Counsel the Judges withdrew for deliberation. Colonel Swashbuckler finally pronounced the verdict of "Not guilty of releasing the goat with evil intent, but guilty of gross negligence in allowing the animal to escape."

He then sentenced the prisoner to confinement to barracks for one week on goat rations.

Among the debates held during the season were these:—

September 30th. — "Nowadays people think too much about their stomachs."

Proposer H. G. F. Pierce Opposer S. A. Williams

Third G. Lee Fourth P. S. Scupham

The motion was carried by ten votes.

October 14th. and January 20th. Hat Debates. Impromptu speeches.

Among the subjects picked from the hat were these:—

China should be admitted a member of the United Nations.

Prices are too high in Bermuda.

Do schoolboys eat enough?

Pessimism.

How to be friends with Russia.

Film censorship.

What would Bermuda do without the tourist trade?

Rats.

November 4th. — "Fireworks should be abolished."

Proposer H. G. F. Pierce Opposer S. A. Williams

Third W. R. Kempe Fourth H. E. Outerbridge

The motion was defeated by one vote.

November 25th. — "This House does not believe in Santa Claus."

Proposer W. R. Kempe Opposer ... H. E. Outerbridge

Third H. G. F. Pierce Fourth S. A. Williams

The motion was defeated by sixteen votes.

February 10th. — "Schoolboys should not have to wear uniforms."

Proposer H. G. F. Pierce Opposer W. R. Kempe

Third S. A. Williams Fourth G. Lee

The motion was carried by five votes.

March 24th. — Visitors Debate. "This House is prepared to believe that flying saucers are visitors from another planet."

Proposer S. A. Williams Opposer J. R. Talbot

Third Mr. M. C. Misick Fourth Mr. P. L. Helm

This was a particularly informative and stimulating debate.

Claiming that he had always been a person rather hard to convince, Mr. Misick nevertheless succeeded in convincing the House of the existence of "the little men from beyond who came in flying saucers", and the motion was carried by eight votes.

At the conclusion of the debate tea was served in the Assembly Hall.

The society is grateful to Mr. Helm for his lively contributions in debate, and to both him and to Mr. J. A. Stubbs for their helpful co-operation in the Mock Court-Martial.

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"Sir Bedivere Slays the Dragon"

Sir Bedivere, that noble knight of the Black Circle, was galloping his courageous steed "Thunderbolt" across a meadow on a fine summer day. Summer in England was a gay time for Sir Bedivere, as he loved the flowers and the sweet-scented grass.

He suddenly brought "Thunderbolt" to a jolting stop, which nearly threw him out of his high-backed jousting saddle, and peered through his open visor at a peculiar burnt streak on the grass. Most mystified, he rode on until he came to a villager, sitting, sighing on the roadside, with his beautiful dappled mare, singed from head to foot, beside him.

The villager told Sir Bedivere that a monstrous green dragon spitting fire had done this. Sir Bedivere then understood how the grass became burnt. The Knight then waxed furious at the mischievous dragon for doing such damage, and he rode on, following a burnt path which lead over a stone wall, collapsed from the heat, a river still sizzling with steam, and a field of barley with a scorched track through it. Finally, he came to a cave, which was evidently the dragon's home.

He entered, and blackness closed around him. Then he saw a flash of flame, heard a hideous screech, and the green monster charged at him.

Poor "Thunderbolt" was quite bewildered, threw our noble Knight from the saddle, and ran for safety, so Sir Bedivere was left to kill the dragon after a long and grim battle.

The beast slain, Sir Bedivere struggled into the open, to find "Thunderbolt" munching a patch of grass. The Knight then mounted, and rode away victorious.

E. OUTERBRIDGE.

By Air to Boston

The most interesting journey I have ever taken was when I travelled by plane to Boston. I took off from Bermuda at three o'clock in the afternoon, and arrived at New York at five in the evening. The trip from New York to Boston was the best part. I had never flown in an airplane before, and when I took off from New York I thought that it would be much the same as from Bermuda. Indeed, I felt the same, but leaving a brightly-lit airport made it seem very different.

When the plane had climbed to about three thousand feet, and had levelled off, I asked the stewardess if I could go up into the pilot's cabin. After receiving permission, I entered, and was introduced to the pilot and co-pilot.

While the co-pilot was flying the plane, Mike, the pilot, showed me where Boston lay in the maze of lights below. I shall never forget those lights; as the plane drew nearer to the city, I saw a multitude of colours below; neon lights flashing on and off, cars' headlights moving down streets, streetlights blinking their signals to motorists, and the large white lights of the airport.

When I landed, I was ushered into a large waiting-room adjoining the luggage-room. I claimed my property, and sat on the arm of a stuffed chair waiting for my uncle to come and fetch me. As I waited, I began to doubt if he would recognize me, because I was sure I could not pick him out from the crowd around me. "Gosh," I said, "I don't know what he looks like! for all I know, he might be the big fellow coming towards me now!"

The 'big fellow' came over to me, slapped me on the back, and said, "You must be Glen! I'm your uncle Bob."

My journey was over.

PIERCE.

The Chamber of Horrors

A library is normally an unexciting room, reminding one of one's ignorance and misspent years. At Saltus, it is anything but that. Administered by a member of the staff known as "The Bookworm", due to his violent attacks upon that pestilential little caterpillar, and two henchmen, one distinguished by all the essential attributes of a Town Crier, this room is certainly the most dramatic centre of the school.

It was early realized that it proved a convenient refuge for those who disliked fresh air, or wished to do each other's homework, and steps were taken. Eventually, there actually entered some who wished to read a book. Their sense of direction was elementary, witness the boy who, having been told where A was, and to follow the clock, returned some five minutes later with "Please, Sir, I can't find J!"

That being so, it was most necessary to make the school familiar with a room containing books. The Upper School had a Quiz, the answers to which could only be obtained by searching the shelves; thus, to the surprise of many, it was found that the London "Times" had been present for weeks, that the illustrations to A. A. Milne's books were quite delightful, and that Bermuda actually had its own authors.

Then there came the Extra Fatigue Squad, designed for the Habitual Evildoer. "The Bookworm" foolishly volunteered to accept a batch of these menaces, and week by week they arrived to do their worst. One week they would "De-bug" the books, but were found to be incapable of recognising a bookworm when they had dislodged one; the next, they would be put on to gumming damaged books, the highspot being the earnest and regular attendant who succeeded in gluing together two volumes from different shelves, and the copy of the "Times" put on the table to protect its surface.

The normal limit for retaining books is a week, in the interests of others; but we still have our dreamers, who discover that they have kept two volumes for five weeks, and are faced by the equivalent of The National Debt. Our chief worry is the amount of empty space on the shelves, and how much better the room would look if all the "Un-wanted" at home could be given to the school for the general good!

"THE BOOKWORM".

Questionnaire for (Im)Possible Entrants

This is an age of Gallop Polls, I.Q. Tests, and statistical information of all sorts. Much of this is a burden, but it might be nice now and then to be able to discover what is behind —or in— the mind of Mother's Joy and Father's Hope about to enter the modern school. A practical list of questions is appended.

1. What do you intend to be? Have you made up your mind? Have you a mind?
2. Do you intend to graduate? Have you any idea what the word means?
3. After you leave school, will you be maintained by your brains or your relations?
4. Is your ultimate intention to do something for yourself or the community?
(Use a dictionary to find out the meaning of community)
5. If "Little Abner" is your favourite reading, go home and ask your parents to send you on a farm.
6. Who are (a) The Pope; (b) President Eisenhower; (c) Sir Winston Churchill? If you score nought, you are not the stuff that Alumni are made of.
7. Do you usually wash after rising in the morning?
8. What is a comb?
9. Have you started referring to girls as "dames"? If so, follow the instructions for Question 5, only choose a city as your background.
10. Are you used to being beaten at home? If not, don't you think this would lend variety to your life?
11. Which of your parents does your homework? (This is most important, in order that the source of the incorrect information should be punished).
12. What proportion of the food you carry about with you do you (a) eat; (b) throw on the ground; (c) put in the trashcan? If the answers to (b) and (c) are more than a quarter, follow the instructions for either Questions 5 or 9.

13. Are you allowed to go to bed before midnight?
14. How do you normally address a master — “Bud; Hiya; Say; Sourpuss?” — in any case, can you recognise a master?
15. When in the presence of a lady, do you (a) stand up; (b) lie down; (c) leap in the air? In each case, why?
16. How much pocket-money do you usually carry? If in excess of 50 dollars, please call at the Masters’ Common Room between the 17th. and the end of any current month.
17. Have you a girl-friend? If so, is she married or single? (The legal department will be interested).
18. Have you read a book?
19. Is your father in Real Estate? If so, would six years’ good reports make life easier for you — and the Staff?
20. Do you cheat systematically or spasmodically? (Use a dictionary for the long words).

Graduation Day at Parnassus

(By Courtesy of Mid-Swamp Clarion and Tennessee Trumpet.)

This historic ceremony took place on Thursday, December 16th., in the main Cowshed of Farmer Squash’s property, before a large and appreciative audience of parents, staff, pupils, and alumni, with the addition of the Headmaster and Governing Body at the Milking End, and Buttercup, who, being in calf, could not safely be moved.

At the commencement of the proceedings, the Headmaster rose to announce that the School Song would not this year be sung indoors, as the condition of the building gave rise to some anxiety. He then called upon the Chairman of the Governors, Senator Hayseed, to say a few words. The Senator rose, absent-mindedly reversing the hour-glass, and delivered himself of a Super-Gettysburg, in which he found time to include the Christmas attractions of his Dry-Goods Store, Russian propaganda, and his opinion of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

There was a slight interruption at this moment, while Farmer Squash, who had been sitting with Buttercup, left hurriedly to phone the Vet.

With one quarter of the sand to go, the Senator remembered Parnassus. He announced with evident pride that he had lambasted the

pants off the Headmaster, Doctor Garlick, for stealing apples from his orchard forty-five years ago. There were faint signs that the Headmaster was not amused. He then worked himself up into a lather of eulogy about Parnassus; he was proud to be called an alumnus of such a college; it was one of the inspirations of his life to be called an alumnus; doggone it, he almost wished he knew what the word meant! He recalled the time when he and Patty Griggs of the Post Office were the only pupils; Patty and he were — but at this moment the Vet arrived, and an interval was declared while Buttercup gave birth to her calf.

On the resumption, there was a distinct odour of applejack, and the Headmaster rose to review the School Year. He spoke of the distinctions gained by Parnassus pupils at home and abroad; seven resident in Europe had been deported; Elmer Knickerbocker had been made a life-member of Alcatraz; Shirley Guggenheimer had recently divorced her fifth husband, and Earl Hoggins was third deputy body-guard to Senator McCarthy.

Doctor Garlick then passed to the school's record of work, and stated with pride that all pupils now had slates, and he was hoping the Director of Education would be able within the next year or two to prevail upon Hiram P. Crackenbusch, the owner of the quarry, to have some pencils cut. Of the 75 pupils, 28 could definitely read words of two syllables. 52 were full-time, and 23 attended when they were not farming or looking after the baby. The Average Age of the school was slightly lower — 34, owing to the sad death of Floyd Washington Chalmers at the age of 92.

In the Athletic Field, Amanda Wilks had been second in the Corn-Husking Contest, and Lincoln J. Arnold Junior had lasted two rounds in the preliminary eliminations to find an ultimate challenger for Rocky Marciano. They would all be glad to hear that his injuries were not fatal.

At that moment Mrs. Marcotti, whose two sons, Paul and Barnabas, 48 and 45 respectively, were graduating after thirty years at the college, set up an all-time record from the Cowshed to her home, from which a column of smoke was seen to be rising. The prize-giving was temporarily adjourned while those present formed a bucket-chain and put out a brisk fire in her kitchen.

The Parnassus Choir, dressed all in white, with the exception of Dulciebelle Winters, who had had laundry trouble at the last minute, then grouped themselves at the Cheese-Making End, and rendered the School Song "Floreat Parnassus" (which they pronounced (Flooreet)).

This was sung with the last verse in unison, with an unrehearsed contralto solo from Buttercup.

Just as the choir was about to begin its usual selection of solos and glees, the Headmaster interrupted the programme to welcome the Director of Education, who apologised for being nearly two hours late, but explained that he had had an accident to his tricycle. When a seat had been found for him, Caroline McGuffy sang "Cherry Ripe", a sure winner since she first rendered it seventeen years before.

Appropriately enough, just as the Parnassus Male Voice Quartet was delivering itself of "Mary, Call the Cattle Home!" a fiery face with red whiskers appeared in the doorway, and requested the assembly to get out of here, as the milk-truck collected at 6.30. The Graduation then dispersed into groups for gossip and refreshment, and two fights broke out; one between Eleanor Rafferty and Lucinda Bates, for a reason which was not clear to either of them, and one between Duke Mangold and Preston Winterseed as to whether they were tenors or contraltos.

The Headmaster then remembered that the Graduation Ceremony had been accidentally forgotten, but, as the Cowshed was now fully occupied by the herd and the hired hands, and only two pupils had, in any case, qualified, it was decided to leave the presentation until the following year.

As the moon rose over the Coca-Cola factory, and the bullfrogs in Stinking Swamp began their nightly chorus, another great day in the history of Education drew slowly to its close.

Gub.

Solve this Shakespearean Quotation

For some time past, the senior forms of the school have been asked to pool their brains to solve a number of tests; one, for example, contained the names of 24 members of the Upper School, given in the form of Crossword Clues. A week was all that was necessary, in most cases, but one defeated all efforts for a fortnight, and then a **very** broad hint had to be given. It is repeated below in the hope that the younger members of the family, who by this time know the **answer**, will allow their seniors to writhe in their anguish. So as not to be too unkind, it must be made clear that there is no code employed, that

the film of the play was here recently, and that any 7—8 lines, taken at random, should provide all that is required by the lean and hungry ones.

Hannibal, Elgar, and Darwin,
 With Offenbach, Huxley, and Bede,
 Are all very anxious to help you;
 Elizabeth hopes you'll succeed.
 Sheridan joins Ellen Terry —
 A really acceptable pair —
 And Ruskin, along with D'Israeli,
 Has certainly got to be there.
 Eiffel (All Paris must know him)
 Accompanies Hobhouse of fame;
 Euripides enters with Nansen
 To greet Arthur Rackham by name.
 Rachmaninoff ranges the keyboard,
 But some of his playing is Wilde;
 (Osler and Robert of Leicester
 Entered with Dante, and Smiled).
 Lang, the successful historian,
 Was chatting with Irving and Krupp,
 And Eden's young protege Arnold
 Said "Heavens! I can't keep it up!"
 Carroll, so famous for Alice,
 Was sitting with Oliver Lodge,
 Leander was swimming the Channel,
 So Offa said, "Mercia! Let's dodge!"
 Shakespeare and Sullivan were lunching,
 While Ursula waited for Scott;
 Alexander was Nobel to Dumas,
 But Wordsworth found curry too hot.
 Elgar was quite an enigma,
 And Peary was right up the pole;
 Thorpe seemed to like Madame Tussard,
 While Yeats fed on beans, as a whole.
 Masfield extended his frontier
 When Emerson came from the States;
 A Nightingale sang in Scutari,
 And Whistler and Aesop had dates.
 Lenin was sharing a bottle
 With pirate notorious Kidd,
 And Ursula, useful old woman,
 Suggested Napoleon hid.
 Doyle (you will know him as Conan)

Was ready, unlike Ethelred,
 But the rascally ruffian Rasputin
 Was glad Henry Irving was dead.
 Hocking was mending his stocking,
 But Viscount Ullswater was mute;
 But a lady whose name was not Eliot
 Taught Lincoln to play on the flute.
 The Gaskell (The author of 'Cranford')
 Thought Socrates up to the times;
 Tosti and Ohm played for conkers,
 But Franklin played Newton for dimes.
 Daniel was asking for judgment,
 (I interviewed him in his den);
 He said he had changed his opinions,
 And much preferred lions to men!
 O'Connell was weeping for Ireland,
 While Ullswater dreamed of the Lakes;
 Raleigh played cricket with Eliot,
 While Lenin watched out for mistakes.
 Amerigo Vespucci,
 Of South American fame,
 Told Professor Saintsbury
 That he was only a name!
 Dicken's watch wasn't working,
 Holland gave up all his preaching,
 But Ingersoll soon put it right;
 And Oersted provided the light.
 Nelson talked painting with Orpen,
 While Ursula knitted a vest;
 She made some enquiries of Arkwright
 Because she had Burns on her chest.
 A Lodge in the forest seemed lovely,
 But Gibbon was sure it would fall;
 Amundsen said Van Eyck was "finished",
 And Stanley said, "No good at all!".

P. L. H.

The Wedding

I am now fourteen, and I am as yet too young to be married.
 But I will tell you about another wedding. At first my brother went
 to church with his future wife to see the priest. The priest told him
 to come back on Tuesday at seven o'clock to have a rehearsal.

So, on Tuesday night came the rehearsal. After it was over, he and his future wife made plans with the priest for the date of their marriage. They settled the date, and went off happily.

On the wedding day, the groom and the Best Man had to come twenty minutes early to get their place. On the stroke of three, the Bride drove up to the door in a carriage.

The bells played, and the bride walked up the isle to the step, where her intended husband was to be. The organ stopped and the priest told him and her to kneel down. After a few prayers, the congregation sang a hymn.

After the hymn the now Bride and Groom walked into the vestry with the Groom holding her arm. The Best man and Brides-Maid followed, and then came the ushers and the flower-girls. After they had finished signing their names in the book they went back down the Isle smiling and blushing like roses. The organ thundered and the bells clinged away while the husband and wife stepped into their carriage and drove away.

The remaining people rushed to their cars and carriages and drove behind one another to the reception. At the reception the people ate and drank to their hearts content, while the Bride and Groom were being shaken by the hand of so many people that they didn't even have a chance to eat.

After the wedding was over the maid had a terrible job getting the stains off the rugs, and clearing up the remainder of the food. She did not mind clearing the tables, because she ate and drank most of the stuff that was left. So, from that time on they lived happily, and now they have a boy eight months old.

ANONYMOUS.

(Editor's Note. Blue-pencilling, and a conference with the author, would produce better English than the above, but the clear observation and spontaneous thought would be destroyed, and so "The Wedding" is printed as it is written, and the identity of the author will remain forever secret unless he talks too much.).

The Progress of Aviation

Since the time of Santos — Dumont and Wilbur and Orville Wright, tremendous progress has been made in aviation. In 1903, Wilbur Wright made a flight of 120 feet. Now an American B-47 can fly

21,000 miles non-stop. This record was just recently set up, and was made possible by mid-air refuelling.

Four jet and six piston engines, each developing over 3000 horsepower, keep today's B-6(36) bomber airborne. In 1909, the Wright Brothers' aeroplane was powered by a thirty horse-power motor.

The World Wars brought about improvements in aircraft. The first planes then had a speed of a little over 100 miles per hour.

During the Second World War, America boasted that she would produce an aeroplane greatly superior to anything in the air at that time. This turned out to be the F-51 Mustang. Several versions of this were produced, the latest having a speed of 470 miles per hour. Another fine plane of this period was the British Spitfire.

In the year 1947, a Bell X-1 Rocket was flown faster than sound. It was one of the first to do so. (The speed of sound is approximately 760 miles per hour at sea-level). Recently, a Bell X-1A has exceeded 1600 miles per hour, which is one of the fastest speeds ever attained.

Much has been done to make aircraft safer. When the jet engine was invented, they also had to be made much stronger. At first, the high power of these engines was used almost entirely on war designs, but there are now some jet-powered passenger planes in existence.

The British 'Comet' was one of the first to use this new means of propulsion, but they have been grounded several times because of strange accidents. These crashes have been attributed to the weak structure around the cabin. It is claimed that a large crack develops here, and that the passengers are literally 'blown into space' when the aircraft breaks in half.

Helicopters are another remarkable invention. They are capable of taking off and landing in small areas. They will probably be used by business men who have to travel in large cities. Although the performance of this type cannot be compared with the conventional aeroplanes, it is quite considerable, some of the faster designs being able to exceed 150 miles per hour.

Air travel has remained fairly cheap, because of the higher speeds that are being attained. One day it will probably provide our cheapest means of transportation.

"What will the aeroplane of the future be like?" is a question that is commonly asked today. This is almost impossible to answer, for, when we look back to aviation during the days of the Wright Brothers, and then inspect the dark-shaped aircraft of today, it is

impossible to visualise those of the future. Statements made about designs seem fantastic, but when we look back over the last fifty years, and see the progress that has been made, we can see that the possibilities have no limit.

The credit for such aircraft, however, should go to people like Wilbur and Orville Wright, who risked so much to bring the secret of aviation to the world.

DE SILVA.

“The Bat and the Owl”

In the coldness of the night, the old bell tolled the hour of three. The Bat was cleaning his wings of cobwebs, having finished his night's foraging, when through the broken lattice flew Owl.

“You are late tonight!” said Bat, swinging on one leg, and scanning Owl with his sharp little eyes. “What's the matter?”

“Oh, when I was chasing a mice through a —
—“Mouse,” said Bat, correcting him.

Owl took no notice, and continued,
—“bramble hedge, my wing caught, and I had quite a time getting out of it! Go on, Bat, and get me the Bramble Ointment!”

So off went Bat, and soon returned with a bottle. Just as he was going to put the contents on Owl's wing, Owl said:

“This isn't Bramble Ointment! It's Clove Tea!”

“Oh, I can't help it if I'm short-sighted!” complained Bat.

So Bat went off again, and, after about a quarter of an hour of banging and crashing, he returned with half a dozen bottles.

“Ah,” said Owl, “there you are! I see you have brought the right one this time! By the way, what was all that banging about?”

“Er—well, er— I had to go in quite difficult places to get the bottles,” said Bat, quite sheepishly. So they said no more about it, and soon Owl was as good as new, if not better.

The first rays of dawn saw Bat and Owl fast asleep, Bat upside down on one of the rafters, and Owl, with his head tucked under his wing, perched beside him on the same rafter.

M. S. BREWER,
(Upper Third).

The Birth of a Poem

There are so many strange rules attached to poetry, quite apart from the technical skill, the inspiration, and the personality of the poet, that writing a poem must be approached stealthily. The Upper Third has done so, taking advantage of X (the Unknown) who blew a strange instrument of yellow and red generally known as "The Pipes of Pan" just before the first period on Tuesday, April 26th. Apart from the pattern, supplied by the teacher, who provided the first couplet, the poem is the work of the form itself.

On Tuesday, when the day began,
Smith played upon the Pipes of Pan;
He played until the master came
And called poor Smith a dreadful name!
"C Pessime!" he called at last;
"Get out of here, and travel fast!"
He took the instrument away,
And kept it till the close of day.
When school was o'er, he hurried home,
And changed himself into a gnome;
He took some music from a shelf,
And played exactly like an elf.
While Smith was sitting on a bench,
He then began to curse — in French!
The elfin Master took to flight,
And rose three hundred feet in height;
And down the funnel of the 'Queen'
He fell, and nevermore was seen!

"The Elephants' Annual Ball"

One day in Fairyland Forest, Jumbo was walking along the road, sighing to himself. He was stopped by Bobby Raccoon, who asked him to play ball with him, but Jumbo said "No". He did not feel too happy, because all the pretty little girls did not want to go with him to the Elephants' Annual Ball, or else they already had another partner — and the Ball was only the next night!

After he had finished his supper, he went right to bed. He lay there thinking, and trying to remember any girl that he had not asked to go with him. After about ten to twenty minutes, he remembered Clarabelle, the little girl who lived over at the waterhole.

So, the next morning, he walked over to her house. When he knocked at the door, her mother answered, and Jumbo asked her whether or not Clarabelle was in.

She said "Yes", and that she would call her.

When Jumbo asked her to go to the ball with him, she said that Johnny Elephant had already asked her, but she preferred to go with Jumbo.

That night, after Jumbo had taken Clarabelle home, and he himself was in bed, he said aloud, "This is the best Elephants' Annual Ball that I have ever been to!"

STUBBS.

Swimming Sports

September 25th, 1954.

The B. A. A. pool at Eagle's Nest was used again for the Annual Swimming Sports. Although the races were exciting and strongly competed, there were no new records broken. The diving events were very popular and several boys showed some good style diving. It must be pointed out, however, that a high standard of performance can only be achieved through continual practice, and sound training. 'Playing about' in the water is not enough. Relaxed, effortless stroke production must be practiced. Considerable help was rendered by Mr. Gascoigne.

RESULTS:

Group A. 25 yds. Freestyle

1. Profit 2, 2. Williams 4, 3. Steinhoff — Time: 20 secs.

Group B. 25 yds. Freestyle

1. Harrison, 2. Goodner, 3. Dixon 2 — Time 15 secs.

Group C. 25 yds. Backstroke

1. Macky, 2. Hayward 1, 3. McPherson — Time 17 secs

Group C. 50 yds. Breastroke

1. Henderson, 2. Leseur 2, 3. Hallett — Time 47 secs.

Group C. 50 yds. Freestyle

1. Macky, 2. Cooper, 3. Hayward — Time 33 secs.

Group D. 25 yds. Backstroke

1. Smith, 2. Williams 2, 3. Couper — Time 16.4 secs.

Group D. 50 yds. Freestyle

1. O'bridge, 2. Franklin, 3. Couper — Time 30.4 secs.

Group D. 50 yds. Breaststroke

1. Smith, 2. Patterson 2, 3. O'bridge 2 — Time 41 secs.

Group D. 50 yds. Backstroke

1. Grayston 1, 2. Cave, 3. Cook — Time 39.5 secs.

Group E. 100 yds. Breaststroke

1. Cassidy, 2. Bailey, 3. Wright — Time 1m. 35.9 secs.

Group E. 100 yds. Freestyle

1. Bailey, 2. Cave, 3. Cook — Time 1m. 18 secs.

Group E. 200 yds. Freestyle

1. Bulley, 2. Grayston 1, 3. Bothelho — Time 3m. 10.5 secs.

Junior Diving

1. Doe, 2. Mayne, 3. Couchman

Senior Diving

1. Gibbons, 2. Cassidy, 3. Dennis

Junior House Relay

1. Saltus, 2. Butterfield, 3. Watlington — Time 1m. 4 secs.

Senior House Relay

1. Saltus, 2. Butterfield, 3. Watlington — Time 1m. 50.3 secs.

Association Football

Results: Played, 12. Won, 7. Lost, 5.

Colour: Re-awards: Grayston (Capt.), Leseur, Rance, Simmons, Smith.

Awards: Davidson, Durrell, (Durrell 1), Vallis.

In the Senior League, Saltus were placed second to Warwick, winning all the games against Mt. St. Agnes, and losing 3 out of 4 to Warwick. This year's Warwick side was of high calibre, but the school's defeats by them were due principally to slowness off the mark, and indifferent marking.

Grayston and Simmons excelled throughout the season. Rance played good football, but was at times on the slow side. Leseur and Davidson showed signs of ability, but were apt to kick wildly, instead of concentrating on accurate passing. Smith, at first disappointing,

improved towards the end of the season; with more determination, he would be very good. Durrell, a newcomer to the side this year, was very impressive; his tackling was excellent, his passing purposeful. Lines and Mayne, handicapped by their lack of height, should prove invaluable members of the team next year; both have plenty of ability, and Lines's tenacity could serve as a useful lesson to many others in the side. Vallis, in goal, was competent when dealing with the high shots, but suspect with the grounders. The weakest department was the wings; several players were tried without great success, but Vallis, played on the left wing for the last match, showed considerable aptitude for that position.

The heaviest defeat of the season was inflicted by a Company team from the D. C. L. I., which proved far too strong. Next season, it is hoped to arrange some games with Platoon sides.

The most exciting finish was provided by the game against B. A. A. Juniors, won by School by the odd goal in five on the final whistle.

The season was completed by the annual match against the Old Boys, who, fielding a strong side, won a closely contested game by 4 goals to 3.

Detailed Results:

Saltus Grammar School versus Warwick 1st XI.

Lost 2-4.

Lost 3-4.

Lost 2-3.

Won 3-2.

versus Mt. St. Agnes 1st. XI.

Won 2-0.

Won 3-1.

Won 5-2. (2)

Won 3-0.

versus a D. C. L. I. XI.

Lost 1-8.

Lost 3-4. versus Old Boys.

Won 3-2 versus B. A. A. Juniors.

Won 6-5. versus Staff XI.

W. G. R.

Junior League Report

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|-----------|---------|------------|---------|------------------|
| | | Harrison | | |
| | Davis | | Lumsden | |
| Hayward 1 | | Leseur 2 | | Macpherson |
| Spurling | Bridges | Whitecross | Howard | Barber |
| Played 10 | Won 7 | Draw 1 | Lost 2 | Goals for ag. 9. |

The Junior League team had quite a good season, finishing second in the League. Losing only two matches, one to Whitney, the first match, and one to Warwick, the League winners, was the result of fine team spirit, and eagerness to play good football. The best match of the season was the draw on home match with the physically superior Warwick Team. This game provided many thrills and the bigger Warwick boys were shaken by the determined tackling of an enthusiastic Saltus team.

Harrison was always 'safe' in goal, though he could learn to use the penalty area more. Davis and Lumsden both tackled well, but all a little slow to recover. The half back line of Hayward, Leseur and Macpherson always played a great part, and proved to be the mainstay of the team. Spurling and Barber, both played well on the wings, Barber's powerful left foot shot always a potential danger. The inside forwards always tried hard, but were often swamped by bigger opposition. Whitecross at centre forward scored many good goals, and should be a success at this difficult position.

R. S. ALGER.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SOCCER REPORT.

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|---|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| | | McCann 2 | | |
| | Hetzel | | Zuill | |
| Parker | | Doe | | Dixon 2 |
| Turner | Mello | Goodner | Stutz | Groves |
| Also played: Hallett, West, Dixon, Stubbs, Gordinier. | | | | |

Played 8 Won 1 Draw 1 Lost 6 Goals for 9 against 25

This was the first time that Saltus had entered a team in the Minor League, and while it cannot be recorded as being a highly successful season, many boys were able to obtain match experience.

The major fault of the team lay in the inability to pass the ball accurately. Lack of the basic skills such as trapping, heading, and shooting resulted in a kick and rush type of football. These tactics will never be successful on hard grounds.

McCann 2 as captain played well in goal. The backs and half backs tackled keenly, but poor marking of forwards often led to easy goals. The small forward line often found themselves struggling with much bigger boys, and this, to some extent, prevented them from combining well.

Basket Ball.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, a Basketball Club was formed. Practice periods were held each day after lunch, and at 4.30 p.m. on Fridays. The latter periods were devoted to the practicing of basic skills and to the discussion and interpretation of the rather complex rules.

While at all times, boys showed great enthusiasm to play, only a few revealed the propensity to practice fundamentals. The importance of accurate passing cannot be over-stressed, and it is imperative that everyone should learn the "lay-in" and "set" shots.

Matches.

Two matches were played, one against Whitney Institute, and one against St. George's Grammar School. Against Whitney, played in the School Gymnasium, the Saltus Team won a very close match. They began by building a fairly substantial lead, but inspired play by the Whitney boys found Saltus trailing late in the last quarter. However, some excellent shooting by Smith and Grayston gave Saltus a narrow victory of 28 — 26.

The match against St. George's Grammar School was played on the Eagles Nest court. The bigger area of the court and the superior skill of the Saltus boys resulted in a 55 — 19 win. The team as a whole made very good use of 'fast breaks' and combined well both in attack and defense. The shifting zone defense was employed well in both matches.

Smith's clever ball control and shooting shows great promise, while Grayston scored with some very good shots as pivot man. Leseur 1 and Outerbridge obtained many points, the former with some well judged "set" shots, and the latter with some pretty "hook" shots. The team show considerable promise of becoming a slick, fast-moving side.

Team:— Smith, Grayston, Lines, Leseur, Outerbridge, Couper, Darrell, Williams 2, Grayston 2.

School Boxing

February 25th., 1955

A fairly large crowd saw an entertaining show of boxing on Friday evening, February 25th., 1955.

Some very exciting bouts were witnessed, particularly in the under 96 lbs. division, between M. Mayne (D) and D. Gibbons (B). Mayne while having a reputation for his powerful punching, held no awe for Gibbons, who boxed him very cleverly. Throughout the 3 rounds, solid punches from both boys found their mark, though Mayne proved to be too strong for a very courageous contender.

In the smaller weight divisions, sound boxing skill was displayed by K. Hayward, R. Mello and P. Howard. In the heavier weights R. Lines demonstrated excellent footwork and clever boxing. I. Williams was far too speedy and skillfull for his opponent. P. Leseur gave an extremely plucky showing against J. Botelho who was 10 lbs. heavier. The final bout of the evening was very evenly matched between E. Simmons and P. Grayston. Both boys fought very well but Grayston managed to win a very close match.

Again, valuable assistance to officiating was given by Messrs. D. J. Williams, H. Evans, S. Gascoigne, M. Pascal, P. Welsh and D Measures.

The boys were congratulated by Brigadier Rice-Evans who presented the Prizes.

RESULTS:

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Under 61 lbs. | J. Cooper (B) | defeated | J. Gillan (W) |
| " 68 " | B. Groves (W) | " | R. McCann (B) |
| " 75 " | R. Mello (B) | " | R. Marsden (D) |
| " 82 " | K. Hayward (B) | " | D. Richeson (S) |
| " 89 " | P. Howard (B) | " | T. Dixon (S) |
| " 96 " | M. Mayne (B) | " | D. Gibbons (B) |
| " 104 " | R. Doe (W) | " | M. Spurling (W) |
| " 112 " | R. Lines (S) | " | B. McCann (S) |
| " 120 " | I. Williams (D) | " | D. McCann (S) |
| " 130 " | D. Vallis (B) | " | C. Couper (S) |
| " 140 " | G. Cook (B) | " | R. Davidson (D) |
| " 155 " | P. Grayston (W) | " | E. Simmons (B) |
| Over " 155 " | J. Botelho (S) | " | P. Leseur (D) |

Butterfield were House winners, Saltus second, Watlington third, and Darrell fourth.

Inter-School Boxing

March 4th., 1955

The Inter-School Boxing Competition this year was held at Saltus, with Saltus, Warwick, Whitney, Dellwood, St. George's and Sandys taking part. After the preliminary rounds Saltus emerged with eight finalists. Probably there would have been more except that a few boys failed to go to the weigh-in.

M. Mayne once again displayed the ferocity of his punching, and while his opponent was taller and heavier, this did not deter him in any way. R. Lines, in contrast, gave an exhibition of boxing skill showing that not only could he attack well, but also defend.

In the heavy-weights G. Cook was most unfortunate in the Under 140 lbs. division. He was winning his bout easily, when he was hit by the head of his opponent in the eye which very quickly became swollen. The referee, Mr. D. J. Williams, was forced to stop the contest. P. Grayson gave a courageous showing against Fisher of Warwick who was heavier and a more experienced boxer. J. Bothelho was the winner of the Over 155 lbs. division, being unchallenged.

Mr. W. D. Measures presented the trophies.

FINALISTS:

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|----------------|---|
| Under 61 lbs. | R. Simmons (Sandys) v J. Cooper (Saltus) |
| Under 68 lbs. | R. Pedro (Dellwood) v S. Brown (Warwick) |
| Under 75 lbs. | R. Mello (Saltus) v J. Mello (St. Georges) |
| Under 82 lbs. | W. Book (Dellwood) v J. Gadzia (Whitney) |
| Under 89 lbs. | T. Dixon (Saltus) v D. Stubbs (Warwick) |
| Under 96 lbs. | E. Rowland (Sandys) v E. DeSilva (Sandys) Ex. |
| Under 104 lbs. | R. Viera (Dellwood) v M. Mayne (Saltus) |
| Under 112 lbs. | G. Outerbridge (St. George's) v R. Lines |
| Under 120 lbs. | R. Menzies (Warwick) v R. Booth (St. George's) |
| Under 130 lbs. | F. Kennedy (Whitney) v D. Outerbridge (St. George's) |
| Under 140 lbs. | T. Moss (Warwick) v G. Cook (Saltus) |
| Under 155 lbs. | P. Grayston (Saltus) v G. Fisher (Warwick) |
| Over 155 lbs. | M. Bothelho (Saltus) Unchallenged. |

ATHLETIC SPORTS

March 31st, 1955.

The notable feature of the 1955 Athletics meeting was the fact that 11 records were established. At 1.30 the weather suggested that

the Sports would have to be postponed as heavy rain was falling, but the sun broke through, and conditions were ideal.

Prior to Sports Day, Hayward broke the Group C. Javelin by more than 20 feet, and also the Pole Vault record. Couper set a new time for the Group D. mile, while Outerbridge 2 put the shot a record distance of 34 ft. 7 ins. for Group D. A new time for Group E, 220 yds. in 25 seconds was made by Cassidy.

Other new records were made by Wooten, Group B. Javelin; Couper 880 yards Group D; Ferguson Group A. 50 yds; Outerbridge 2 Group D. Hop-Skip-Jump; Smith Group E. Javelin; and Williams 2 Group E. Pole Vault. The last named is Pole Vaulting in good style, and will improve his height of 8 ft. 5½ ins. by a good margin.

Some exciting races were witnessed, Group E. mile especially so. Williams 2, set a good pace, and held a lead until the last 200 yards, when Chiappa, timing his effort nicely, just won at the tape. Smith came very near to the High Jump record, but failed by ½ inch. Using 'straddle' style to begin with he changed to 'siccors' for his best jump. He will improve on 5 ft. 4 ins. if he continues with the 'straddle'.

Valuable assistance was rendered by the following gentlemen: Messrs. H. E. Evans, P. S. Welch, C. E. H. Cooper, J. S. Outerbridge, F. Gosling, T. Vesey, D. Measures, H. Masters, J. Barritt, R. Doe, M. Godet, K. Davis, M. Cooper and S. Gassoigne.

Mr. D. J. Williams was the referee and the prizes were presented by the Rev. E. M. Rule.

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS.

GROUP "A"

50 yds.—1. Ferguson, 2. Hayward, 3. Clark Time 7.7 secs.

High Jump—1. Anderson, 2. Williams 4, 3. Ferguson Height 3' 2½"

Long Jump—1. Hayward, 2. Clark, 3. Ferguson Dist. 10' 8½"

GROUP "B"

100 yds.—1. Parker, 2. Mello, 3. Carney Time 14 secs.

High Jump—1. Parker, 2. Mello, 3. Lee Height 3' 9½"

Long Jump—1. Henry, 2. Groves, 3. Parker Dist. 13' 2½"

Javelin—1. Wooten, 2. Lee, 3. McCann Dist. 72' 9"

Relay (4 x 55)—1. Butterfield, 2. Darrell, 3. Saltus Time 32.1 secs.

GROUP "C"

100 yds.—1. Harrison, 2. McCann 2, 3. Herkes Time 13.2 secs.
 220 yds.—1. Redding, 2. McCann 2, 3. Chiappa Time 31.2 secs
 440 yds.—1. Redding, 2. Herkes, 3. McCann 2 Time 67 secs.
 High Jump—1. Harrison, 2. Bridges, 3. Doe Height 4' 5½"
 Long Jump—1. Harrison, 2. Hayward, 3. McCann 2 Dist. 15' 2½"
 Pole Vault—1. Hayward Height 6' 7½"
 Javelin—1. Hayward, 2. Doe, 3. Goodner Dist. 106' 8"
 Relay (4 x 110)—1. Butterfield, 2. Darrell, 3. Saltus Time 59.8 secs.

GROUP "D"

110 yds.—1. Lee, 2. Hollis 1, 3. Fish Time 12.2 secs.
 220 yds.—1. Couper, 2. Lee, 3. Macky Time 26.7 secs.
 440 yds.—1. Couper, 2. Macky, 3. Lee Time 62.7 secs.
 880 yds.—1. Couper, 2. Macky, 3. Mayall
 Mile—1. Couper, 2. Lines, 3. Macky Time 2' 18.8 secs.
 75 Hurdles—1. O'bridge 2, 2. Dennis, 3. McCann Time 12.6 secs.
 High Jump—1. Dennis, 2. McCann 1, 3. Mayne Height 8' 5½"
 Long Jump—1. Pierce, 2. McPherson, 3. Lumsden Dist. 16' 0¾".
 Pole Vault—1. Lines, 2. Gibbons, 3. Dallas Height 7' 4½"
 Discus.—1. Patterson 2, 2. McPherson, 3. Barber Dist. 92' 8"
 Javelin—1. O'bridge 2, 2. Manuel, 3. Patterson 2 Dist. 88' 11½"
 Shot Put—1. O'bridge 2, 2. Barber, 3. Patterson 2 Dist. 34' 7"
 Hop-Skip-Jump—1. O'bridge 2, 2. Lines, 3. Mayall Dist. 33' 10"

GROUP "E"

100 yds.—1. Cassidy, 2. Patterson 1, 3. Finlay Time 11.2 secs.
 200 yds.—1. Cassidy, 2. Patterson, 3. Leseur Time 25 secs.
 440 yds.—1. Davidson, 2. Leseur, 3. Chiappa Time 60. 6 secs.
 880 yds.—1. Chiappa, 2. Bothelho, 3. Grayston Time 2 m. 26.4 secs.
 Mile— 1. Chiappa, 2. Williams, 3. Bothelho Time 5 m. 31.8 secs.
 2 Miles—1. Davidson, 2. Chiappa, 3. Botelho Time 13m. 35 secs.
 100 yds. Hurdles—1. Grayston, 2. Cassidy, 3. Williams 2 Time 15.3
 secs.
 High Jump—1. Smith, 2. Johansen, 3. Grayston Height 5' 4"
 Long Jump—1. Smith, 2. Durrell, 3. Cassidy Dist. 18' 3"
 Discus.—1. Grayston, 2. Leseur, 3. Williams 2 Dist. 166' 9¾"
 Javelin—1. Smith, 2. Cook, 3. Wright Dist. 130' 3½"
 Shot Put—1. Bothelho, 2. Patterson, 3. Durrell Dist. 33' 11¾"
 Pole Vault—1. Williams, 2. Durrell, 3. Cook Height 8' 5½"
 Hop-Skip-Jump—1. Smith, 2. Patterson, 3. Durrell Dist. 37' 9"
 Relay (4x110)—1. Darrell, 2. Saltus, 3. Butterfield Time 50. 6 secs.

Saltus Old Boys' Association

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1955.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Saltus Old Boys' Association, held in the School Assembly Hall on Friday, February 11th, 1955, the following Officers and Committee of Management were elected:

President — Owen H. Darrell;
 Vice-President — Horace Frith;
 Secretary, Hon. — Nesbit Doe;
 Treasurer, Hon. — William Brewer;

Committee of Management — Messrs. Nat Butterfield, John Chiappa, William M. Conyers, Ross Doe, Peter Welch, I. Stuart Outerbridge, Jr.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the Association, as laid down in its constitution, are "to create and foster a corporate interest in the affairs of the School among Old Boys and generally to further the well being and prestige of the School." As recently reported in the Royal Gazette: "One of the surest signs of a School's success, not only as an institution for imparting learning but as a builder of citizens who will contribute to the Community, is the continued pride and interest which former pupils take in the welfare and development of the School. Saltus is fortunate in having an energetic and dedicated group of old boys and the intention of the Old Boys' Association is to increase this group and the scope of its activities".

Anyone reading this who attended Saltus is asked to help by becoming a financial member of the Association immediately. Members of the Committee of Management will gladly receive your subscription — please act now.

WORK FOR THE SCHOOL.

The Association has an endowment fund which stands at the moment at £916. The purpose of the fund is eventually to provide scholarships and to ensure that promising students will never have to leave school for lack of means. It is hoped to increase the fund considerably this year.

But endowment is a long-term project and in the meantime the Association helps Saltus by contributions in other forms. It contributes funds for publication of the Saltus Year Book, presents prizes for scho-

lastic achievement. Also, as in the past, it makes provision for the furnishing of masters' living quarters.

A permanent memorial is made by the annual presentation to the school library of books suitably inscribed to the memory of old boys who have died during the year.

Further help is being given to the school library this year by issuing a special appeal in Founders Day week, June 13th—18th. During this week Old Boys and friends of the School are being asked to offer any suitable books that can be spared to the school library committee at Saltus. It is anticipated that many of the now empty shelves of the library will be filled in this way.

RAISING OF FUNDS.

In carrying out its aims the Association needs funds and some of its activities must necessarily be limited by the amount of money which can be raised.

Funds are derived from subscriptions, donations and from the proceeds of entertainments which are organized during the year. A very successful Ball was held at the Bermudiana Hotel in March of this year, followed by a Bridge and Canasta Party in the School Assembly Hall in May. On Thursday, July 7th, there will be a Moonlight Party to Hawkins Island and it is planned to have a "Fruit Punch" Dance at the School in late September.

It has always been a great encouragement to the Association that those Old Boys who cannot attend the functions organized are almost always willing to assist us financially through buying tickets or making donations.

News of Old Boys Overseas.

Chris Chiappa (at Saltus 1929 — 1935) after travelling extensively in the southern United States for his Company has settled in Amsterdam, New York, where he is purchasing agent for a firm of nylon finishers.

Barney Marriott (1924 — 1930) is Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland. He has recently had published a medical textbook on electrocardiography and his well known "Medical Milestones" has been translated into six different languages. Barney usually visits Bermuda twice a year.

St. G. Tucker (1929 — 1936) first went to South Africa as a geophysicist for an oil prospecting company. He is now a scientist at the Transvaal Chamber of Mines research laboratory near Johannesburg.

Scarritt Adams (1917 — 1924), who is a Captain in the U. S. Navy was recently in Bermuda renewing many friendships. At present he is in command of the U. S. S. Mt. McKinley in the Pacific. Scarritt has a home in Bermuda and hopes to retire here eventually.

Tommy Crawford (1930 — 1940) is a Doctor specializing in anaesthesiology at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Tommy was in Bermuda some eighteen months ago.

John Gilbert (1935 — 1944), who was recently in Bermuda on leave, has been a Colonial Service administrative Officer in the Gold Coast, West Africa, for the past few years.

Ernest Benevides (1936 — 1940) now lives in Toronto, Canada, where he practices law with the firm of Beacon and Benevides.

Alfred Franklin (1919 — 1927) is living in Paraparaunu near Wellington, New Zealand. He is a successful building contractor and was in Bermuda about eighteen months ago as part of a round the world trip. With him in New Zealand are his two sons who are also Old Boys. David (1945 — 1948) has recently completed an engineering course and Gerald (1945 — 1949) is at present doing military service.

Jack Arnell (1929 — 1930) has been with the Canadian government since 1942. He is now Superintendent of the Scientific Intelligence Department of the Defence Research Board. In the course of his duties he travels extensively in Canada, pays visits to the U. S. A. and this summer he expects to be in England.

Teddy Astwood (1918 — 1926) is a medical specialist in endocrinology. He is associated with the New England Medical Centre where he teaches and carries out research. Teddy was recently honoured by an invitation to visit Australia and New Zealand. During a two months tour he lectured to the medical boards in the principal cities of those two countries.

Fred Lines (1928 — 1938) has been working for some years as a geologist for the California Standard Company, Ltd. in Alberta, Canada. Last year he was promoted to acting general manager of exploration and has a staff of 60. He does much travelling and expects to be on a flying trip within the Arctic Circle this July.

Congratulations.

Sir Trounsell Gilbert and Sir Bayard Dill were both knighted in this New Year's Honours List.

Obituary.

Stewart Spurling (1919 — 1923).

J. C. Cooper (Honorary Member S. O. B. A.)

Cricket 1954

1st. XI Played 4 won 1 Lost 0 Drawn 3

2nd XI " 2 " 1 " 1

Colours awarded to Leach.

Captain of 1 XI . Grayston 1, Captain of 2 XI . . Lines.

1st. Team from . . Grayston, Caton, Leach, De Silva, Lines, Leseur, Gutteridge, Outerbridge 2, Hayward 1, Simmons, Vallis.

2nd. Team from . . Lines, Hayward 1, Outerbridge 1, Gutteridge, Patterson 2, Godet, Couper 1, Grayston 2, Lumsden, Macpherson, Mayne, Kempe.

HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION.

Senior—1st.—Saltus House

2nd.—Watlington House

3rd.—Darrell House

4th.—Butterfield House

Junior—1st.—Darrell House

2nd.—Saltus House

3rd.—Butterfield House

4th.—Watlington House

REPORT . . 1st. XI.

In the 1954 season Hayward 1 proved to be a most consistent bowler, employing both the leg-break and the off-break with much success. Durrell 1, with regular length and change of pace, is a promising bowler. Leach, the all-rounder, showed that in fielding, batting and bowling well deserved a place in the side.

Special merit should be paid to Caton for his fielding and bowling and also to Lines for his batting, both members were a great help to the side.

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